

# WORKERS--FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER ON FEB. 25!

Thousands of unemployed workers and their dependents are dying of starvation. The national government condemns them to die; it refuses to pass our Jobless Insurance Law. Fight for work or wages. Fight for the right to live. Get new members for the Trade Union Unity League, Organize and strengthen the Unemployed Councils. Fight All Evictions!

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# RALLY A. F. OF L. LOCALS FOR FEB. 25 DEMONSTRATIONS

## Needle Trades Strikers Rescue Pickets from Police

### What Social Fascism Is

THE "Reading Labor Advocate" is the official organ of the Federated Trades Council and the Berks County Local of the "socialist" party at Reading, Pennsylvania. Reading has a "socialist" mayor and city government.

In its issue of February 13, the "Advocate" is compelled to speak of the mass unemployed demonstration in Reading on February 10. The jobless and starving workers were told by the "socialist" mayor that the city could not do anything for them. It could not grant their demands because it "has no power under the law." The Tammany mayor of New York gives the same excuse.

The "Advocate" makes a typical social-fascist "explanation." It speaks in stern tones of warning what may be done by men "hungry, desperate and hopeless." It addresses the "public." This warning gravely says: "Take heed! Egypt crumbled into dust; the glory that once was Rome has become a myth; living men who once were Grand Dukes now know what it means to live and work as menials."

It even admits that "Capitalism no longer serves mankind and can only continue at the expense of mankind. But it conceals the fact that hunger has not pinched the bellies yet of that part of 'mankind' known as the capitalist class, and never will unless the other part of 'mankind' known as the working class overthrows the capitalist class from power."

The "Advocate" and "socialist" mayor of Reading clearly illustrate just what is meant by the term "social fascist" as applied to the "socialist" party. It attracts workers to it by demagogic use of words, it expresses "sympathy" with their distress, it declares bombastically that capitalism is no good and should be "abolished."

But it rejects all actual struggle. The "socialist" mayor of Reading evades the demands of the starving jobless by saying: "How can a city government tax the rich? How can five penny municipal officials safeguard workers against sheriff sales and evictions?"

Well, they cannot if they don't want to. And, of course, it would mean struggle. The "Advocate" says: "All the powers of the state and nation would be brought into play against any group of public officials who might attempt such a thing."

Yes, and the social fascist "socialists" have no intentions of getting into a conflict with the capitalist class government merely to aid "thousands of jobless families!" They might even be removed from the "public" offices where they sit now, defending the interests of the capitalists!

Capitalism may "no longer serve mankind." But don't overthrow it! That, says the social fascist "Advocate," will send millions of the dispossessed upon an orgy of violence and destruction." So they defend the capitalist class that daily uses "violence and destruction" against millions of workers; they defend capitalist violence and destruction against the workers!

They thus clearly do the work of fascism. But while fascists proceed openly and frankly, making little or no pretensions of social considerations for the workers, the "socialists" make words and phrases of "sympathy for workers" and "condemnation of capitalism" serve in place of struggle for the workers and overthrow of capitalism. They are Social Fascists.

Knowing full well that it is impossible, the "Advocate" calls (not upon the working class, but upon "all sensible people") to "abolish—in a legal and orderly way"—the very system which it claims, in defense of the Reading mayor's refusal to aid the jobless, cannot be challenged in a legal and orderly way.

Communists elected to city office would defy the whole apparatus of capitalist class state power in defense and in behalf of the workers and their demands. The social fascist "socialists" defend the capitalists.

Communists, knowing that only when capitalism is overthrown can any gains or relief and social insurance be assured, knowing that—as proven in the Soviet Union—unemployment can be abolished only by a Soviet government of workers and farmers, would do everything possible to aid and encourage and lead the workers to that end.

Communists are revolutionists. The social fascist "socialists" are counter-revolutionists.

## NEW YORK RAISED MORE THAN TWO THIRDS OF ENTIRE SUM

We are publishing the latest figures of income towards the Emergency Fund. The total received, including Feb. 17, is \$15,504.38. This represents only about 50 per cent. The districts contributed as follows:

Dist. 1. \$ 397.00	Dist. 12. 91.50
Dist. 2. 10,469.62	Dist. 13. 644.52
Dist. 3. 244.82	Dist. 15. 7.00
Dist. 4. 155.71	Dist. 17. 68.00
Dist. 5. 234.30	Dist. 18. 17.00
Dist. 6. 1,295.94	Dist. 19. 125.60
Dist. 7. 573.55	Unorg. 32.70
Dist. 8. 629.12	Foreign 21.75
Dist. 9. 112.37	Unknown 5.00
Dist. 10. 47.67	
Dist. 11. 35.35	Total. \$15,504.38

We are publishing a series of reports by districts to show the comparative figures. However, these figures are enough for all the active workers, particularly those that have contributed so little, to make every effort to make additional contributions so that their quotas can be reached.

The showing of Detroit, District 7, and Chicago, District 8, are certainly

## ARREST 20 FOR DEPORTATION

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 19.—Twenty foreign-born workers were arrested last night and held for deportation

very poor for large districts. District 13, consisting of California, with all its persecutions and setbacks, has contributed more than the heavy industrial centers like Detroit and Chicago, which includes all of Illinois and Indiana.

New York City had to bear the burden and brunt of the whole campaign, raising more than two-thirds of the entire sum.

Although New York City is the center where the Daily Worker is published, and has always contributed close to 60 per cent of all the income of the Daily, nevertheless it is dangerous for the Daily Worker to depend on only one center for its support. This record shows that the other districts did not fully realize the seriousness of the situation and made no efforts to reach their quotas. In the closing of the campaign every worker must make serious effort to raise additional funds so that the quota may be reached.

Send all funds to the Daily Worker, 50 E. 13th St., New York City.

In connection with the nation-wide drive of the bosses against foreign-born militants who have been active in working-class struggles. Most of the arrested are Spanish and Portuguese workers whom the bosses, in their attempt to cover up the real reason of the deportation drive, charge with entering the country illegally.

## Militant Picketing Spreads Strike of Dressmakers; I.L.G.W. Shops Out

### WORKERS ENTHUSIASTIC ALONG LINE OF ALBANY HUNGER MARCH

Pledge Food and Shelter to 500 Marchers; Plan Demonstrations to Support Demands

NEW YORK.—The plans for the organized protest of New York's unemployed against starvation, the Hunger March of the delegation of jobs, to Albany, has created great enthusiasm among the workers, employed and unemployed, located along the line of march to Albany. The marchers, in their number of 500, will leave the morning of February 26th, on a six day march to Albany, to present the demands of New York State's 2,000,000 unemployed to the State Legislature meeting there for Unemployment Insurance.

Pledging food and shelter, the workers in Yonkers, Ossining, North Tarrytown, Peekskill, Poughkeepsie, Hudson, etc., are organizing into Unemployment Councils, and into branches of the Workers International Relief. Receptions are being planned. Demonstrations in front of factories and in the towns where the delegation will stop over night, will be held.

In Yonkers, the workers will serve food to the marchers. Workers and workers' organizations, are arranging to shelter the marchers in Mohagan, in Ossining, in Peekskill, etc., food and money are being collected. The marchers, carrying banners and placards, accompanied by a band, will rally tens of thousands of workers around the slogans of the Unemployed Councils and will win masses of unemployed and employed for the fight for unemployment insurance and immediate relief.

On the success of the Tag Days, held under the auspices of the WIR and TUUL on Saturday and Sunday, February 21st and 22nd, depends to a great extent; the success and effectiveness of the march. WIR food and medical aid trucks will accompany the marchers, and thousands of dollars must be raised within a few days, to assure the proper attention to the marchers.

Outside Albany, the marchers will meet delegations from other industrial cities, and together they will march on Albany where a mass meeting will be held to elect delegates to present the demands to the State Legislature.

In Albany, hundreds of workers, men and women, demonstrated before the City Hall, for unemployment insurance. Because of their obvious determination to struggle, they were unmolested by police.

### Ex-Servicemen Will Expose Bosses Plan To Rob Unemployed

The members of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League will meet in their new headquarters tonight at 79 E. Tenth St. at 7:30 p. m. The league will expose the present attempts of congress and the senate to rob the needy veterans out of half of their tombstone bonus money and expose Speaker Longworth, who denied the unemployment delegation an interview or opportunity to present the demands of the unemployed workers for unemployment insurance and the veterans' included demands.

Sol Harper, the league delegate, with the other unemployed delegates will make a report. Other members of the executive committee will report on the preparations for country-wide demonstrations of other posts of the Workers' Ex-Servicemen's League, and solidarity demonstrations of ex-servicemen and unemployed workers on International Unemployment Day, Feb. 25, as the answer to the veterans to Hoover and the attempt to rob the veterans. The fight is for unemployment insurance and a cash bonus, not a loan to veterans.

NEW YORK.—The third day of the dressmakers' strike started here yesterday with picketing somewhat affected by the cold drizzle that fell during the early morning hours but with spirit high as reports continued to pour in of new shops joining the strike.

Proof that the picketing is beginning to affect the needle trades employers and their company union, the I. L. G. W., is afforded by the arrest of 34 pickets on Wednesday and of 24 yesterday.

The employers' groups, which on the second day of the strike denied that anyone had walked out, yesterday admitted that 2,000 dressmakers were on strike. Their arithmetic is as crooked as the officials of the company union.

Manhattan is making steady progress despite the bosses' policy of arresting dressmakers who are seen calling on their fellow-workers to join the strike. Frequently the dressmakers will walk out while the workers who are calling them out are being arrested. In at least one case an open-shop in which the workers were hesitant about striking, walked out when police arrested several dressmakers who had urged the shop to join in the fight against the starvation wages imposed on every worker in the industry.

### Strike Movement on Upgrade

The strike movement is still moving slowly in Brooklyn although the momentum is on the upgrade. At 5:30 Wednesday night, with 2 hours still to go before quitting time, 45 dressmakers walked out of a Brownsville shop after they were shown a leaflet calling on them to strike against the \$6 a week wage which their boss was paying them.

The greatest difficulty being encountered in Brooklyn is getting the dressmakers to believe that there is anybody in the world who really

### FAKE AGENCY CHEATS WORKERS

Closes Down, Workers Lose Money

NEW YORK CITY.—Millers Employment Agency, at 1235 Sixth Avenue, closed down yesterday morning. It was another one of these fake employment agencies.

Many workers lost their money in the place. One worker had ten dollars down on a promised "job," and when he went to the agency in the morning, the place was closed. Thirty other workers were waiting in line.

A worker told that he had paid \$25 for a job that another worker had paid \$20 for. Neither of them got the job. The manager promises to give back the money, but in a vague "four or five days."

## INVITE PORTLAND UNEMPLOYED COUNCIL SPEAKERS; MINNESOTA A. F. OF L. LOCALS ARE VISITED

### Prosser Committee Breaks Down; Demonstrate Feb. 25

Union Square Demonstration at 4:00 P. M. To Spread Fight for Relief; 500 Hunger Marchers To Be Present

NEW YORK.—As the world demonstration against hunger draws near, the Prosser committee here "for employment" sends out an alarm to the bosses that its funds are failing and 25,000 men, heads of families, who now get \$15 a week for working in the parks, face starvation on April 1.

The demonstration against hunger on International Unemployment Day in New York will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Union Square, at 4 o'clock. This will be one of the big demonstrations that will fight for relief, which will have its counterpart in every industrial center in the capitalist world.

In reporting the depletion of its funds, the Prosser committee attempts to get the charity organizations to speed up their work in order to defeat the growing demand for real relief. They admit their failure to meet the growing hunger of the workers. William Hodson, executive secretary of the Welfare Council, stated Wednesday:

"In spite of all that is being done by the Prosser committee, in spite of all that is being done by the family agencies and by the city itself, the fact remains that the total need is not being met. The funds of the Prosser committee will be expended by April 1 and we will then be faced with the question of what to do next."

The whole machinery of charity is breaking down and the unemployed suffer worse as the crisis grows. The number of unemployed in New York City is increasing rapidly. The Feb. 25 demonstration will rally tens of thousands to extend the fight for immediate relief and for unemployment insurance. At the Union Square gathering, the 500 delegates who are to leave on the Albany hunger march on Feb. 26 will be present. Many of their representatives will speak and tell the workers what they intend to do on their march and when they get to Albany to present their demands to Governor Roosevelt.

There will be a Needle Trades fraction meeting of all Party and Y. C. L. members Sunday, at 12 noon. All comrades are instructed to report at the usual place without fail as most important matters connected with the strike will be taken up.

### NEEDLE TRADES FRACTION MEETING

DISTRICT COMMITTEE, Communist Party of U. S.

At the bazaar thousands of workers of all nationalities will be present. Hundreds of workers' organizations are participating in the bazaar to make it a success. It is one of the events of the year in the revolutionary working-class movement.

The program for tonight is in charge of the German and Hungarian workers. On Saturday afternoon a special program has been arranged for the children. It is in charge of the Young Pioneers and the Junior defenders. Saturday evening there will be a colorful Russian costume ball. Every night will be interesting to workers. All workers should attend and aid in the raising of the necessary funds for defense.

### Police and Mob In La. Man Hunt

MONROE, La., Feb. 19.—Lynch gangs from the Ouachita sheriff's office, members of the city police of Monroe and West Monroe, augmented by bourgeois "volunteers" are combing the highways for miles around Monroe in a man-hunt for a Negro who shot and killed a railroad dick when the latter tried to brutalize him. The mob is using bloodhounds.

### Defeat Fakers Attempt to Shut Off Speech for Feb. 25th

Since the February 10th unemployment demonstrations, more American Federation of Labor locals are becoming interested in the preparations for the World Unemployment Day demonstrations, on February 25th. Rank and file members of the American Federation of Labor in Portland, Ore., are discussing the fighting program of the Unemployed Council, and a delegation from one local, the Hoisting and Stationary Engineers here, requested that a representative of the Unemployed Council come to the next meeting to address the members on the Workers Unemployment Insurance Bill. This local has 300 members and half are unemployed. There is widespread sentiment not only in this local but in many others in Portland for a militant struggle for unemployment insurance. They will be rallied for the International Unemployment Day demonstrations on February 25th. In Portland, the demonstration will take place at 12:00 noon, at Plaza Park.

In Minneapolis, Minn., a delegation of the Unemployed Council of the Trade Union Unity League spoke at the Carpenters Local of the American Federation of Labor, at 612 First Avenue, North, in spite of the attempts of the fakers to prevent the militant unemployed workers from coming in contact with the union membership. Workers in the union demanded the Unemployed Council delegate be given the floor. He spoke on the plans for the February 25th demonstration in Minneapolis and told about the militant fight for immediate relief and for unemployment insurance. The delegate, Frank Smith, was given the floor for 20 minutes. The local voted to invite the committee to return the next week. Other American Federation of Labor unions were visited and urged to participate in the February 25th demonstration. Among them were the Teamsters local, Painters local and others.

From New Haven, Conn., comes the report that demonstrations are already arranged for seven cities to broaden the fight for immediate relief and unemployment insurance, on World Unemployment Day, February 25th. The following cities will hold demonstrations:

New Haven, Central Green, 12 o'clock; Hartford, Windsor and Main, 11 o'clock; New Britain, Winter, Star and Hartford Avenue, 4 P. M.; Bridgeport, 2 P. M.; Waterbury, 12 o'clock. Soldiers Monument; Springfield, Mass., Postoffice; Stamford, 12 o'clock; Pacific and Wall Street.

In addition, mobilization mass meetings have been arranged in the following towns: Hamden, Springfield, Waterbury, Danbury, South Norwalk.

### VOLUNTEER TO PICKET!

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Furniture Workers Industrial League calls upon all workers to come and picket at the Commercial Upholstery Shop, 240 Newport Avenue at 7:30 a. m., Saturday morning.

### Order Now for Saturday Issue

"Literature for Children," by Harry Alan Potamkin; "Believe It Or Not," a flop house story by an unemployed worker in Pontiac, Mich.; "Closing Exercises," a story from Mexico by Albert Morales, illustrated; "The Shock Brigade," a story from Russia; book review by N. Sparks; cartoons and other features in next Saturday's feature page. Order extra bundles at 1 cent for 5 or more, \$8 per 1,000 before 6 p. m. Friday.

(Sixty thousand circulation news page 3.)

# GREET HARRY RAYMOND ON MONDAY AT IRVING PLAZA, 8 P. M.; COMES OUT OF JAIL TODAY.

## Harry Raymond, March 6th Leader, Is Released Today

NEW YORK.—Harry Raymond will be released from Welfare Island today! He is the last member of the March 6 Unemployed Delegation to be let out of prison, where he was sent for his activity in partaking in the leadership of the historic March 6 demonstration in Union Square, when 110,000 rallied under the leadership of the Trade Union Unity League to fight for unemployment relief. Thousands of police attacked the workers, many of whom were viciously beaten. The entire delegation elected by the workers, William Z. Foster, Robert Minor, I. Amter,

Served 10 Months in Welfare Island Prison

Harry Raymond and Joseph Lesten, were arrested, denied bail and finally railroaded to jail. Raymond served 10 months.

Raymond, who is an active member of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union, will be met by a committee of workers' organizations. A mass welcome demonstration will be held to greet him on Monday, Feb. 23, at 8 p. m., at Irving Plaza, 15th St. and Irving Pl.

At the demonstration to greet Raymond the leading speakers will be I. Amter, district organizer of the Communist Party, New York, who was sentenced to Welfare Island with Raymond; Jack Stachel, a representative of the T. U. U. L.; J. Louis Engdahl, national secretary of the International Labor Defense, and a representative of the Marine Workers' Industrial Union.



# Minneapolis Boss Sheet Admits That Coolie Wages Are Paid on Gov't Contract

## Left-Phrases Sugar Coating of Paper Hides It As Workers' Enemy

### Workers Must Put Up Real Militant Fight Against Such Standards

MINNEAPOLIS, Min.

To the Daily Worker: Even our docile, capitalist controlled "Daily Star" occasionally reveals a bit of truth concerning working conditions here in Minneapolis. In the Feb. 12th issue, an editorial captioned "Near-Serfdom Here at Home" tells the following story:

"Thirty cents an hour for day labor—the munificent salary of \$14.40 a week!

#### Starvation Wages!

"It sounds like the wages of Chinese coolies, of half-savage tollers on the rubber plantations of Belgian Congo or at best 'The pauper labor of Europe,' which some of our self-confessed statesmen rant about so fiercely when they discuss the tariff. But it is not in some far-away land that this outrage against decency is perpetrated—it is right here in the Twin Cities. And to make the matter all the more reprehensible these coolie wages are being paid by the A. Guthrie Co., which has been awarded a \$683,599 contract to build a lock for the government in the Ford Dam.

"The fact that men can be found who are glad to work for anything

rather than starve has been taken advantage of by the contractors, who undoubtedly propose to put in their own pockets the difference between a living wage which the government in letting the contract naturally figured would be paid and the starvation dole of \$14.40 a week. We are informed by Col. Willing, United States district engineer, that the government is helpless in the matter.

There's but one way to combat these rotten conditions and that's to join the fighting trades unions of the Trade Union Unity League. —J.M.

## "Safety First" Cover for Speedup at Carnegie Steel

Clairton, Pa.

Comrade Editor: The Carnegie Steel safety first, what does it mean to the workers? The company sends a fellow to go and talk to the workers about the safety conditions in the mill. They tell the workers to put their signatures on the blank. When a worker gets killed, why the company says that it was safety first because his signature is on the blank.

The company always says that it is the worker's fault. But they never say it is the terrible speed-up that causes most accidents and deaths.

#### Safety First Bank.

At the safety first meetings, instead of telling the workers about how they can work safer, why the company gives more work to them. Here is what the safety first com-

mittee says: Workers, keep the place clean and dry. If there is anything lying on the ground pick it up and you are doing a great deed.

Yes, the workers have company insurance and from one to two dollars are taken out of their pay. It doesn't mean anything if you get injured or crippled. You must get killed before the company gives out any money. Yet they have the nerve to say: Look what we do for the workers. If they do it at all, why the hell do they take money from the workers to pay their insurance.

Workers of Carnegie Steel, the hell with the boss insurance. Fight for social insurance and make the bosses and their government pay us insurance. But not to take your wages for insurance. —F. H.

## Canton Workers Lose Savings in Bank Crash

Canton, Ohio.

The Canton Bank and Trust Co. today failed to open the doors at 9 a. m. and word came out that the bank had gone broke, and many unemployed workers lost all the savings they had and many of the small business men were caught in the crash.

The president of the bank was arrested for embezzlement, but he was immediately let out on bail, of course.

The news leaked out that the big

boss depositors were tipped off a week before to withdraw their money, but the workers are the ones that have to suffer.

"The Repository" came out with the statement that the other banks here would pay the depositors that lost their money, but they didn't mention how soon. The same as Hoover's prosperity in 60 days, but is that going to feed the hungry women and children? Just promises. With all their savings gone can they buy bread with these promises? —W. A.

## 200 Steel Workers Laid Off at South Chicago

South Chicago, Ill.

The Daily Worker: I am looking for work, as are thousands of other workers in this steel slaves' community.

The local paper a few days ago carried news stories that the steel mills are hiring men. The next day I went to find out for myself. After talking to some worker I found this to be a lie. I also talked to some foreman that I know. They told me that there were more than 200 workers laid off the night be-

fore. Also, the United States Steel Corp. has closed its employment office and has placed a no help wanted sign on its gates. It is a known fact among the workers that this wage-cutting office has not been closed for years.

But, as they see the rage of the workers, standing in line to get a job which they don't get, they are forced to close this office, fearing violence from the starving workers. —J. G.

## Deported French Worker A Real Militant

New York City.

The Daily Worker of February 16 carried an article about Leon Mabile, the French worker who was deported for his working class activities in this country.

Leon Mabile has been a member of the French Sea Fleet that refused to shoot the Russian workers and mutinied under the leadership

of Andre Marty at present a member of the French Chamber of Deputies. Mabile, has been in the States as far as I know since 1924.

At the time when he was in New York he worked as a cook. He was a member of the Amalgamated Food Workers at that time. —J.A.R.

## Workers Ill Treated and Starved in City Sacramento Hospital

Dear Comrades: If you friends wish to keep your health I will give you a little good advice—stay away from the County Hospital run by the capitalist class, if you don't want a drink from the black bottle. I saw one of my comrades put in a box. I had my own experience when I was laid up myself. The butcher there tried to keep me, but I fooled him, I got out.

The first thing that they do to you upon your entry was to throw you into the bath tub and then took your clothes away. (Proof positive that they thought that you would not need them again). Then they put you to bed where the process of

starvation was immediately applied. They gave you a little rotten grub just to kid you along.

There was an old lady who told me that they took care of old men who had no place to go. I saw comrades there that were so starved that all they were was skin and bones.

This is all I have to say about these capitalist hospitals. Especially here in Sacramento.

#### A Correction

NEW YORK.—In Comrade Harold Williams' article on "Chauvinistic Tendencies in the Harlem Section," a serious typographical error occurred. A motion of the Section Committee of Sec. 4, District 2, appeared in the article as follows:

"1. It was wrong for the unit bureau to admit unemployed comrades free of charge."

This is manifestly wrong. The mo-

## Send In Reports of Activities to Trade Union Unity League

All district and local secretaries of the T. U. U. L. are called upon to report regularly upon their unemployed demonstrations, the local activities, the progress made in all struggles, to the national office of the T. U. U. L.

Aside from sending news of demonstrations, activities and struggles to the press, the T. U. U. L. must receive from all points complete and concrete accounts of all activities. Send in your reports upon the Feb. 10 demonstrations at once. (Trade Union Unity League, 2 W. 15th St., New York.)

## 100 DEPORTED ON FRENCH LINER

### Militants Beaten Up By Guards

(By a Worker Correspondent.) I, Sam Barman, am being deported on the French liner S.S. Espano, owned by the French government.

There are three other comrades. One to Germany, one to Norway, one to Jugo Slavia. We are being deported for our working-class activities.

The guards beat me up on the immigration train for making a talk to other workers being deported. They handcuffed my hands behind my back, and stood guard all night with a Thompson sub-machine gun.

There are about 100 workers being deported on this boat. Food and conditions are rotten. We are going to hold a meeting on the deck tomorrow and demand clean towels and soap, better grub and three meals a day, with better sleeping quarters.

We are sailing by way of the American slave colony of Cuba. I go to Glasgow, Scotland, and will write you from there. The only time the bosses can close my mouth is when I am in the grave.

## COLUMBUS JOB-LESS PLAN FIGHT

(By a Worker Correspondent) COLUMBUS, O., Feb. 19.—Unemployed workers held a mass meeting here in a hall on the corner of Parsons and Livingston Aves. for the purpose of organizing an Unemployed Council to push the struggle for unemployment insurance and against the bosses' hunger strike.

The hall was packed to capacity with the seething, surging mass with the one thought in mind, "something is got to be done."

A council was organized, with 78 workers joining immediately.

The next meeting will take place at the same hall this Sunday, Feb. 22 at 2:30 p. m., after which meetings will be held daily. Many workers here will demonstrate on Feb. 25, International Fighting Day, against unemployment. —One of the Unemployed.

## CHICAGO READERS MEET SUN., FEB. 22

A second Conference of Chicago readers to discuss the editorial and circulation problems of the Daily Worker will be held this Sunday, Feb. 22 at 4:30 p. m. at Peoples Auditorium, 2457 W. Chicago Avenue. Besides general discussion of the contents of the dDaily Worker, there will be criticisms of the special page which Chicago is now getting each Wednesday. Plans will be laid to increase the circulation of the Daily Worker by forming new Red Builders News Clubs, getting all Unemployed Clubs behind the 60,000 circulation drive, and securing every jobless worker possible to sell the Daily Worker.

Every indication points to a tremendous gain in circulation in Illinois now that Chicago has its weekly Daily Worker every Wednesday. The Conference will take up in detail further methods for increasing circulation.

tion as adopted by the Section Committee read:

"1. It was wrong for the unit bureau not to admit unemployed comrades free of charge."

Comrade Saunders, who was declared in the article to have abstained from voting on a motion criticizing Unit 5 for failing to correct the chauvinistic tendencies exposed by Comrade Williams' article has informed the Section Committee that her abstention was not based on vacillation but on the consideration that in her opinion a wrong procedure had been followed in taking up the question with the unit instead of the Bureau.

# BRONX FRATERNAL CONFERENCE SPEEDS DAILY WORKER DRIVE

Fraternal organizations are leaping into the 60,000 circulation campaign, pressing their membership into action. Last Sunday's Conference of Workers' Organizations, held at the Bronx Workers' Center, 569 Prospect Ave., is a great step in building mass circulation. Concrete organizational proposals were made and delegates representing 16 organizations will return to put these into effect. A representative from each organization was elected to mobilize it for spreading the "Daily."

At least one bundle a week will be ordered to be sold at meetings, affairs and to workers in their territories. Red Sundays will be arranged for the purpose of securing subscriptions and making contacts with workers in their homes. In addition the conference will help in the formation of Red Builders' Clubs and in building up of Worker Correspondence from the shops.

The participation of fraternal organizations in the 60,000 circulation drive throughout the country increases the possibilities for mass circulation tremendously.

HOUSTON I. W. O. ENTERS DRIVE The International Workers' Order, Branch 194, of Houston, Texas, has undertaken to sell Daily Workers in this city," writes L. A. secretary. A committee has been elected to be in charge of the distribution and they will see that the Dailies are sold as all other papers are. We should like for you to send us 25 copies of the Daily Worker."

PATERSON, N. J. FORMS NEWS CLUB Six young Pioneers, ages ranging from 10 to 16, are now busy with house-to-house canvassing in Paterson, N. J., and with factory sales in the evening. What's up? A Red Builders' News Club! C. Rees, of the N. Y. Red Builders, and Jack Ross, of the Daily Worker staff, went over there and got it going. Let's hear from you, Paterson.

HILLSDALE, MICH. TO GET DAILIES Wm. T. of Hillsdale, Mich., is plugging hard to get things started before he leaves.

"Before I leave here, I will have a bundle brigade to distribute our Daily to the poor farmers here," he writes, "and will have a few subscriptions which I will send in. As soon as I receive my first Daily Worker, will send for all 40 copies for house-to-house distribution."

GREAT FALLS, MONT. BUSTLING "Today I engaged three more newsboys for the house-to-house sales," writes Willis L. Wright of Great Falls, Mont., despite the Anaconda Copper company-owned, one-man state. "I held a meeting in Belt last night and sold 137 copies at the meeting, also other literature. Going to Cascade today to see if I can get the town hall for a meeting for the Daily Worker."

CHRISTOPHER, ILL. LAUNCHES "DAILY" "We have organized a nucleus here in Christopher. We would like to have a bundle of 10 Daily Workers. We are just organized and all out of work and will try and get some subscribers for the paper."—L. A. S. secretary. Here's luck to the new unit.

NEW JERSEY BIBLE BELT MOB ATTACK, TRY LYNCH NEGRO WORKER

Boss Police Arrest Victim Only; Boss Press Peddles Lie of Attack on White Girl—Protest Meeting Tonight

PERTH AMBOY, N. J., Feb. 19.—This city, situated in the bible belt of New Jersey and the scene recently of an evolution controversy, was the center yesterday afternoon of a vicious attack on a young Negro worker who was brutally beaten up and nearly lynched by a white mob for asking and accepting a glass of water from a white girl worker in one of the houses on Catalpa Ave.

The young Negro worker, Ignatius Du Bussan, had got a temporary job as a street cleaner, his first job in many months. He was working in Catalpa Ave. yesterday. Getting thirsty, he went to one of the houses and asked a servant girl for a drink of water. Returning to his work he was questioned by the foreman as to what he had to say to the white girl. Undeveloped white workers, suffering from the influence of the rotten boss ideology of race hatred, and egged on by the foreman, began pelting Du Bussan with stones. Du Bussan tried to escape from the mob, and was felled by a particularly heavy stone thrown by the foreman. The mob jumped on him, savagely kicking and beating him, while the foreman yelled for a lynching.

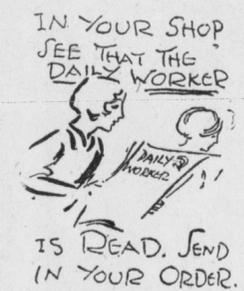
At this stage police arrived and arrested the victim of mob violence, took him to the station and locked him up on a charge of disorderly conduct. No member of the mob was arrested.

The boss press took up the hue and cry against the Negro worker, peddling the vicious lie that in broad daylight and in a busy thoroughfare he had attempted to rape the girl. Du Bussan was held by the bosses' court for trial and was held over for a hearing on Tuesday. The girl was brought to court and made to testify against him, but contradicted herself so badly that only a boss court intent on fostering the hatred and persecution of Negro workers would have accepted such testimony. The boss press is carrying articles with huge headlines in the attempt to whip up lynch sentiment.

## INJURED WORKER STARTS SALES

From T. J. S. Kane, Pa., we received a letter:

"For a long time this rotten compensation system kept me back



from selling Daily Workers, but now nothing will stop me. Please send me about 30 to start, and I will work hard to sell all I can and to get more readers."

## LOS ANGELES: TWO VERSIONS

"Well, comrades, the bulls have started to try and stop the sales of the Daily Worker on the streets in this fair city of Los Angeles," writes the Daily Worker representative. "Sunday they run the comrades around the place away. Said that it meant jail if they came back. But some comrades from the unemployed are going to make a stand for it."

And from "A Subscriber" we received the following:

"Regarding your article about L. A. functionaries' laxity in the D. W. 60,000 circulation drive. The left-wing movement in L. A. is Yiddish almost exclusively. They hesitate at nothing to make the Freiheit possible, but will do very little for a non-Yiddish paper, be it Communist or just sympathizer. I am speaking from personal experience with the comrades here."

Following this is a statement that leading comrades have not taken advantage of the population, which is liberal, to secure financial aid for the "Daily."

"Your agent may be a sincere comrade," he continues, "but a very poor business getter. The Daily Worker is not published in the Soviet Union, but in these glorious (?) U. S., and to do business here you need a highly proficient business man."

Who wants the floor for discussion?

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# GRAFT BIG WHILE PITT UNEMPLOYED FREEZE, HUNGER

## "Relief" Is Cut Off Altogether

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 18.—Charges by a local food manufacturer that city officials are "cheating the city of thousands of dollars yearly" by refusing lowest bids on food purchased for Mayview (city hospital) are being broadcast here. There are an average of 3,000 persons at Mayview at all times. The manufacturer whose bids were not accepted has charged that on individual items, his own bids were as much as several hundred dollars lower than the bids accepted by the city. Actual figures given by himself and by the city show his charges to be correct.

The meaning of these charges is that Colonel Succop, director of the City Department of Supplies, by contracting with the L. H. Parke Co., a huge wholesale food house, is lining his own and the pockets of other city officials with thousands of dollars.

Thousands Starving City Council has passed the buck by refusing to conduct an investigation, and has turned the entire matter over to Mayor Kline, who has announced that he will conduct a closed and secret investigation of the entire matter.

While thousands of workers in the city are starving, and the city has cut off all relief, due to "lack of funds," these grafters are putting away thousands of dollars, and smashing the protest of workers who demand relief from the city. Another whitewashing is promised by Mayor Kline to the grafters, while workers starve.

A report issued by the city on traveling expenses for the officials of the city in 1930 includes an expense of \$100,000 when city officials took a steamboat excursion down the Ohio River to celebrate the opening of the 9-foot stage in the Ohio River. In addition, \$5,691 was spent on various jaunts and visits made by city officials. There is always plenty of money for such things, but nothing to feed unemployed workers and their babies.

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# Chiang Kai Shek Government OK's Big Silver Loan of Wall Street to Aid In War On Advancing Reds

## Report from Shanghai to Daily Worker Shows Financial Crisis In Nanking Gov't

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A loan of one billion ounces of silver to bolster up the Nanking regime in China, which the senate sub-committee on foreign affairs recommended, now meets with the approval of the Chinese government. The loan was proposed by the committee under the leadership of Senator Pittman, rich silver mine owner of Nevada. It was frankly stated that the loan would be used to crush the advancing Communist forces and to "stabilize" the Chiang Kai Shek government to provide a market for U. S. imperialism.

Judge Paul Lineberger, Wall Street legal adviser of the Nanking government, advised the Washington government that the Chinese nationalist government is quite willing to accept the loan of one billion ounces of silver (about \$280,000,000) on the terms dictated by Pittman and his committee. The terms provide that the money would be used under the direction of the American imperialists.

A release from our Shanghai cor-

respondent states: "Owing to the general economic crisis and to continuous militarist wars, the finance of the Nanking government of the Chinese landlords and bourgeoisie is entirely bankrupt. Its only method is to keep on by floating loans and issuing bonds. It is quite common for the Nanking government several times a month to issue tens of millions in bonds. On Dec. 1, 1930, the 19th Year Rehabilitation Bonds amounting to \$50,000,000 Mex (about \$15,000,000 U. S. currency) were issued; on the 30th of the same month it was decided to issue another loan."

In this manner the Nanking government is sinking deeper into debt, getting more and more into the grasp of United States imperialism, and absolutely subservient to its wishes. The latest proposed silver loan hands over complete control to Wall Street. At the same time it hastens the growing rivalries between Britain, the United States and Japan in the tussle for the Chinese markets.

# Unity League Greet British Jobless Conference for Feb. 25

NEW YORK.—Throughout the capitalist world, the militant workers are preparing for big demonstrations against unemployment and for adequate relief. In England, a national conference of the National Unemployed Workers Movement of England will be held on Feb. 21-23 in Bradford. This conference will prepare a fighting demonstration in England on the same day that the American unemployed will demonstrate for relief. The Trade Union Unity League has sent a cable to the Bradford conference expressing the unity of the international struggle against starvation and misery that the workers in the capitalist lands suffer. The cable is as follows: "National Conference of the National Unemployed Workers Movement of England, Sidnet Ellag, Chairman. 'Revolutionary greetings to your

conference from the unemployed workers of the United States who are engaged in sharp struggles for immediate relief and unemployment insurance through hundreds of hunger marches and demonstrations against the employers and their city, state and national governments. The progress of our struggles here is exemplified by the action of Minnesota unemployed workers who occupied the state capitol for two hours and consumed the food in the dining room meant for these capitalist politicians. Employed and starving unemployed of all countries must unite forces in common struggle, must fight for their lives against wage cuts and for increased unemployment relief; must expose labor misdeeds and increase militant struggles of the workers against the capitalist class. Hope your conference results in maximum achievements for the British workers. "Trade Union Unity League."

# Brownsville Unemployed Council Puts Up Stern Fight Against Evictions

## Make Cop Take to His Heels When He Tries to Victimize Negro Worker

NEW YORK.—The Brownsville Unemployed Council held a militant open-air meeting last week before the house at 541 Blake Ave. in Brownsville, where the landlady, Feldman, has been attempting in the most brutal manner to victimize the Negro janitor living there.

This landlady forces the poor janitor who has two ill-fed children and a sick wife to pay \$8 a month for the great "privilege" of being a janitor and living in the most squalid, cold and uncomfortable rooms in the house.

Now she is attempting to evict him for non-payment of two months' "rent."

She tried to frame him up on the lying charge of "attacking" her, using two bribed witnesses, after one tenant had refused her dirty offer of \$2 to testify against the janitor.

With the help of the capitalist police and court, this vicious landlady, who had attempted to use Southern lynch tactics, succeeded in having him jailed for one day.

Now she persecutes him further,

striking his children and slandering him everywhere.

Determined to put an end to this brutal discrimination and attempt at eviction, the Brownsville Unemployed Council held an open-air meeting before the house and won the sympathy of a number of tenants and workers to the defense of the janitor.

A policeman attempted to break up the meeting, but met with such determined resistance that he took his heels.

Fifteen minutes later, immediately after the close of the enthusiastic meeting, a score of police reserves rushed up and managed to "get" two of the demonstrators. The International Labor Defense will defend them in court today.

The Brownsville Unemployed Council, through its activities, is attracting many unemployed workers who are organizing to fight against evictions, for Unemployed Insurance and for other militant demands of the jobless. The council meets every day at noon at its headquarters, 1844 Pitkin Ave., near Powell St., Brooklyn.

# INCREASE RAIDS ON FOREIGN BORN

## Workers Must Smash Boss Attacks

NEW YORK.—Following close on heels of the mass arrest of over 100 seamen at the Seamen's Institute, Department of Labor agents in cooperation with new Alien Bureau of the local police department last Saturday night raided the headquarters of the Finnish Workers Education Association at 2056 Fifth Avenue, where a dance was in progress.

# Against the Imperialist Terror in the Philippines

MASS unrest, peasant revolts and strikes are spreading in the Philippine Islands, the largest of all outright colonies of United States imperialism, arising from the mass starvation enforced upon the people by the imperialists, local landlords and bourgeoisie. On January 25th at the funeral of Comrade Antonio Ora, one of the leaders of the revolutionary peasants organizations, the Philippine Peasants Confederation, and the Proletarian Labor Congress, despite the threats of the native police and constabulary, a huge militant anti-imperialist demonstration was held in Manila. Comrade Antonio Ora was reported "killed in an automobile accident" while under arrest for "seditious activities." His death, under these mysterious circumstances, was another atrocious crime of U. S. imperialism and a tremendous loss to the revolutionary workers and peasants movement in the Philippines, and in the rest of the world. Comrade Ora was a courageous fighter against the imperialist enslavers as well as against the native feudal and petty bourgeois lackeys of Wall Street in the Philippines. The demonstration at his funeral is striking testimony of the deep feeling among the great masses of workers and peasants in the Philippines for the work of Comrade Ora and for the movement which he represented.

Soon after the death of Comrade Ora, the Wall Street governor-general of the Philippines, Dwight Davis, ordered the arrest of Comrades Evangelista, Manahan and Ambrosio, outstanding leaders of the revolutionary workers and peasant movement. This action of the imperialists, fully condoned by the bourgeois lackeys, who hypocritically mouth phrases about "demanding independence," shows the growing fear of the imperialists in face of the rising tide of revolutionary struggles in the Philippine Islands.

Comrades Evangelista, Manahan and Ambrosio were arrested on the charge of "sedition" and face grave danger of assassination or long imprisonment at the order of the Wall Street governor-general and the Philippine bourgeoisie.

While the Communist Party of the Philippines is yet very young, the basis for its growth into a mass party is rapidly maturing. The revolutionary workers, through their activity in the trade union movement, taking the hegemony in the struggle for immediate and unconditional independence for the Philippines, show that the proletariat is the leading force in the Philippines in the fight for freedom from Yankee imperialism.

We are confident that the Communist Party of the Philippines formed at a great mass meeting at Manila on November 7, 1930, will continue to lead the struggle for independence in spite of the tricky efforts of certain bourgeois misleaders, headed by Roxas, who dare to use the heroic tradition of the glorious fighter, Andreas Bonifacio, to cover up a false "opposition" to imperialism with the honorable name of Katipunan. The workers and peasants will find

out that the so-called "New" Katipunan, despite its words, will not, in deeds, fight for rice to the workers and land to the peasants. They will find that the "New" Katipunan, led by the bourgeoisie, will rather fight against them and with imperialism, the landlords and the capitalists. They will find that the "New" Katipunan is, in the hands of the bourgeoisie, the same fascist tool of imperialism as the Kuomintang of China is, the hangman of the workers and peasants. They will find that not the "New" Katipunan, but the Communist Party of the Philippines, a section of the Communist International, will be the only faithful, tireless and heroic leadership to guide them in their daily struggle against hunger and evictions and to lead them in battle for national independence.

That Wall Street fears the rise of a revolutionary working class party is shown by their frantic outcry against the Communist movement, its group, and leaders, and the denunciation of the slightest action of the masses as Bolshevism. The Communist Party of USA mourns the loss of our stalwart Comrade and leader in the Philippines, Antonio Ora. We protest against the arrest of Comrades Evangelista, Manahan and Ambrosio and call upon the workers and poor farmers in the United States to demand the immediate release of their fellow workers and fighters in the Philippine Islands. Their struggle is the struggle of the American workers against capitalist slavery, against starvation and for the overthrow of imperialist domination. Within the US borders, also, the Filipino workers, especially in Pacific Coast agriculture, are subjected to the most brutal oppression and exploitation.

The uprising of millions of peasants, under the leadership of the Communist Party in China, the growth of the revolutionary workers and peasants movement in India is having its echoes in the Philippines. There too, the masses are seething with discontent against imperialist oppression. The Communist Party of USA calls upon its members, its supporters and sympathizers, the great mass of the American workers and poor farmers to raise this question in all their organizations, to adopt resolutions pledging the heartiest and fullest support to the valiant struggles of the Filipino masses in the fight for land and bread and for immediate, unconditional and complete independence from American imperialism.

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## THE OLD GAME



By BURCK



By JORGE

## Hocus Pocus Bonus

Now you see it, and now you don't. Which shell is the pea under, buddies? And great guns, how the supposed "opposition" in Congress is making believe that they are the sterling silver "friends of the veterans!"

The very same guys who turned themselves wrong side out over the "Arkansas Compromise" and finally decided that it was more humane to let the farmers starve to death quick than to kill them with Red Cross "relief," are pictured in the capitalist press as heroically standing off the administration in "defense" of a thing known as the Bacharach Bill. It ought to be called "baccarat" in memory of Monte Carlo.

Such a wonderful blessing to confer upon the men "who fought on Flanders Field!" A vet has, let us say, a Tombstone Insurance Policy for \$1,000, providing he hasn't already been forced to borrow against it at 6 per cent. Let's be optimistic and say he has the whole \$1,000 coming to him in 1945.

Under the Bacharach Bill, he can borrow \$500. But at 4 1/2 per cent compounded annually, if it were at "straight" 4 1/2 per cent, interest would amount to \$315 in the 14 years from now to 1945; which would leave him, if he could pay it as it went along, \$185, or about enough to bury him, out of the \$1,000 at the end of 14 years—in 1945.

But the capitalist government, really aided by the "opposition," has no intention of paying funeral expenses for the vet when he dies, any more than it intends to feed him while he lives but has no job. It has another nice war on tap and thinks it cheaper to let him just soften up where he falls on the battlefield. Soldiers are said to make excellent fertilizer.

So not only interest, but compound interest, is the slogan. And on \$500 for 15 years the compound interest is \$428.96, which, added to the \$500 makes \$928.96 the vet owes the government in 1945 because it gave him a bonus! And if he kicks off that year, his "heirs and assigns" can collect just \$71.04! For that's all that will be left of \$1,000 bonus!

Meantime, the government that is now borrowing money from banks for 1 per cent (and is loaning it to private shipping concerns for 2 1/2 per cent) will be making \$376.96 out of the \$500 loan, because if it gets money at 1 per cent on "straight" interest for 14 years, interest costs it only \$52; while it charges \$428.96 to the vet!

The only reason why Hoover would veto such a nice scheme is that he expects to run for re-election in 1932 and not in 1945, and the capitalists who back him are dead against any taxes right now, and don't give a whoop about 1945, as they can think up a new swindle by that time.

But vets should learn the point of that old Russian story about a peasant who went to the village money-lender.

Sitting down at the shark's desk he said: "I want to borrow a rouble to get my wagon fixed."

"All right," said the money lender, "But I must have security."

"Yes sir, I know that. So I brought an axe for security. Here it is." And the peasant handed his axe to the money-lender, who promptly put it behind him out of reach, then took out a rouble and laid it on the table.

"You know we charge interest," he said. And the peasant nodded. "Yes." He had heard about interest. "Fifty-fifty, rouble for rouble, that's fair, isn't it?" added the money-lender. "Yes," said the peasant, "that sounds fair; rouble for rouble."

"And we deduct the interest in advance," said the money-lender, as he took up the rouble and pocketed it. "So when you pay me back the one rouble you borrowed, you can get your axe back."

The moral of this story is that the only way the veterans can beat the shylock capitalists is to raise supreme hell to get a full cash bonus payment without any "loan" business and without any interest hocus pocus. And the time to begin raising hell is on February 25th!

## A Valentine for Tom Mooney

It wasn't exactly addressed to Tom, but since he is noted as a member of the Molders' Union, it has a sort of connection with his... well, his situation.

A beautifully printed little message it is, inside a cutely decorative border, in the International Molders' Journal for February, and it is entitled: "Friendship—A Valentine for Capital and Labor."

"Friendship," it says in part, "can open foundries and factories, and fill dinner pails. It can say Booh! to unhappiness, unrest and unemployment. Why, then, do industrialists shy away from it?"

We look further, but it gives no answer to this question. And the Valentine seems to be a loving one, entirely directed from "labor" to capital.

"Come—meet with us around the conference table," says "Labor" in this valentine. "Let us talk things over, and decide upon a course that will be mutually helpful. Here is our hand—let us be friends!"

But to these loveless entreaties, Capital, the cold-hearted wench, is deaf and decidedly dumb, even in the Molders' Journal. It is a one-way conversation. But the Molders' Journal pretends to have hopes, and winds up with:

"Friendship between capital and labor would be a Valentine indeed. Friendship, let us have more of it!"

Of course these scoundrels know, as well as Tom Mooney in his cell at San Quentin knows, that they are peddling this guff not to coax capital, but to delude labor into being passive in front of such outrages as Mooney's imprisonment in the hope that capital will be "friends."

Quite truly Tom has pointed out that the A. P. of L. leadership's function is to "fool the workers and make them amenable to the employers." To speak of "friendship" between capital and labor in the Molders' Journal while Tom Mooney the molder, is in jail since 1916 as a victim of one of the vilest frame-ups by the capitalist class is an insulting valentine not only to Tom Mooney, but to every worker, both inside and outside of the A. P. of L.

# Soviet Lumber Workers Answer Imperialist Attacks

LATELY the English conservative newspapers have started another campaign against the Soviet Union under the guise of "For the defense of Free Labor." In order to prove the USSR is using "forced labor" several papers have printed the testimony of witnesses of three criminals who escaped from Archangel'sk. Using this false testimony which is altogether invented, the conservative element wanted to prevent the sale of Soviet lumber in Britain. For the workers of Soviet Union it is quite clear that this unexpected step of English imperialists is just one link in the chain of the furious daily preparation for intervention against the Soviet Union.

### Who Are These Witnesses?

The member of parliament, Mr. Hilton Young, the fiery author of different articles about the affair, for unknown reasons has withheld the names of the three witnesses (see the "Timber Trade Journal," 20/12/30). But we know that in July, 1930, hiding in an English ship, ran away three important criminals; the first one Kuzma Petrovich Zajcev, condemned for five years of imprisonment for a murder. The second one was Fedor Nikitich Chajko who was condemned for 8 years in prison for sexual indulgence with girls of sexually immature state. The third one was Cavril Dmitrovich Barishnikov, sentenced for 8 years for a robbery. These are the men who defend the honorable capitalists.

### Slander and Facts.

Hilton Young writes: "I was informed that the captain of the ship on which the criminals escaped related that in Archangel'sk are docked hundreds of foreign ships loading up with lumber, 300 men loading each ship." A surprisingly silly lie. Usually about 30 to 50 men load a ship, because more men would only be in each other's way.

Hilton Young continues: "Their living conditions are terrible. Medical assistance is not known. Workers are tortured in many different ways, therefore they die in large numbers."

Well... how similar is this picture to the conditions during the intervention in 1918 under the English general Pull, with the help of the white general Miller (who at present is collecting 1,000,000 army for war against Soviet Union on the Islands of Death as they are called now—Mudjua lakanga and other islands near Archangel'sk).

In fact the lumber workers are fully equipped with medical help. Quite a number of them are resting up free of charge in the southern sanitariums. One and a half million rubles (\$750,000) was spent for social insurance during 1930. The same amount was spent for cultural needs and developments of the workers. Workers have good communal lodgings, free working clothes, and linen.

About the various demands the author of this article and other workers will be very glad to give you the information. Workers of USA send in your demands, expose the tricks of the capitalists, build firmer contacts with our organizations through correspondence.

About 25,000 of foreign sailors have visited Archangel'sk and other ports of the Northern part of Soviet Union. They have seen a lot of the conditions here, they can be witnesses. Evidently this source of information is not desirable to the capitalists.

### American Engineer Answers the Attack.

Valon was interviewed by the "Pravda Severa" and here is his answer. "Workers who operate the transportation (by means of tractors) work 10

hours a day, there are about 00 of them, they get paid overtime, the cutters work 8 hours a day, the drivers work 5-6 hours a day. Medical help is efficient. Sickness practically does not exist here. Lodgings here are convenient. Workers work in harmony and the wages are good. There is a library and a reading room. Practically every worker learns thoroughly his job. Knowing the work of lumber industry, and judging by my own personal impressions I again refer to the information of the English conservative newspapers. If I had any proof of convict labor in Soviet Union I would have left Soviet Union immediately."

There was real slavery in Northern forests under English capitalists (before the revolution). Before the revolution there were numerous English lumber enterprises—like Stuart Gernet, Brand and others, who worked with English money for English profits. The workers of North well remember the conditions which existed at that time dictated by the English masters. According to the report published by the St. Petersburg (Now Leningrad) association of lumber industry, the following picture was present: "The working day consisted of 11 hours. On the average the cutters received 33c a day, women received 17c a day, the drivers received 20c a day, the women drivers received 20c. Accidents took place very often. Contracts were made by word of mouth, bosses used money fines against the workers and sought various methods to exploit the workers. The cabins in which the workers lived were awfully dark and dirty. The floor was the earth. Instead of the present large brick ovens they only had something to cook on letting in all the smoke and therefore the sickness was widespread."

Now the picture is different. The wages increased, a lot of work was spent to improve their lodgings, clubs and kitchens were built. There now exists an efficient medical help and the entire state of the lumber workers is constantly improving.

The Northern workers of the lumber industry protest vigorously against these lies of the British capitalists and say:

"No one forced us to come here to work. We came on our own free will because we get paid here better.

"We are the boss of our own country and want to export our lumber in order to exchange it for machinery. If you refuse to take our lumber, we shall not take your machines. To the lies of British conservatives we shall answer by raising our output of lumber this year. Let McDonald take better care of his workers. Before the revolution we worked 10 and 11 hours a day, now we work 7-8 hours, and earn enough for our families. At that time we worked without seeing any light in darkness and dirt. Now we build our own medium, improving our conditions. Our answer shall be to these lying capitalists—'Five year plan in FOUR YEARS.'"

From INTERNATIONAL ESPERANTO CORRESPONDENCE DEPARTMENT OF PRAVDA SEVERA. Poshketo No. 20. Archangel'sk. USSR.

## Decisions of Central Control Commission

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—All workers' organizations are warned to be on guard against James O'Brien, who has been expelled from the Communist Party for drunken brawls and for criminal acts committed by him in utter disregard of the injury and harm that these acts might have brought to the organizations to which he belonged.

Just prior to and at the time of his reprehensible actions, he was the chairman of an Unemployed Council, from which post he was removed immediately.

Now, it appears, he has aligned himself with the I.W.W. and is trying to spread slanders against the Party and against the Unemployed Council. He is trying to explain his being out of them by saying that he has quit both himself, because of this and that, and the third thing.

The fact, however, remains that he was expelled as an individual who is not fit to be tolerated in any workers' organization.

Fritz Richthoffen, non-Party, New York, young marine worker, member of Marine Workers' Ind. Union, did volunteer work in I.L.D. National Office during the time that he was in their office, letters with remittances were stolen; in the last part of January he was entrusted with \$30 for the payment of a bill (personal, of Comrade S. Garlin), he took the money for himself and disappeared.

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## U. S. Prepares Women for War

By ANNA ROCHESTER.  
(Author of Labor and Coal.)

"To serve their country in national emergencies of peace or war," is the motto of a new organization, the Betsy Ross Corps of women aviators.

This "semi-military body aims to serve as a sort of auxiliary aerial motor corps," explains its first commander in an interview with a capitalist press reporter. It will be called upon for such jobs as "ferrying new planes from the factory to the zone of actual war operations and piloting aerial ambulances, thus releasing valuable flying men for service at the front."

"Both the army and navy have indicated a friendly and appreciative interest in the Betsy Ross Corps movement," the commander reports. Of course the War Department and the Navy Department take a lively interest in such definite preparation for the coming war in which women will play a most important part.

Neither the Betsy Ross Corps commander nor any representative of the Army or Navy states publicly just what the "national emergency of peace" may mean, but class-conscious workers know that it means any strike struggle in which the National Guard or any other division of the U. S. War Department is called out to break the strike. In such a "peace emergency," this corps of women pilots will stand ready to help the ruling class against the working class.

The American Red Cross is another "semi-military" organization, with over 4,000,000 adult members, many of them women, and nearly 7,000,000 Junior members. A reserve army of nurses totals over 50,000, described as "ready to respond to calls from the Army and Navy." Chartered by Congress, this branch of the war machine was started to serve "as a medium of communication between the American people and 'their' army and navy." Its accounts are audited by the War Department and its annual report is submitted to Congress.

Not only in actual war upris like the Red Cross and the new aviation corps, but in 40 patriotic societies, women are prepared for war and particularly for war against the Soviet Union. The Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense met recently in Washington, claiming to represent 2,000,000 women. This conference included the American Legion Auxiliary, the American War Mothers and the Daughters of the American Revolution. Aiming frankly at "adequate appropriations for the military service," these women are organized in opposition to the Soviet Union and the international working class movement.

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By Tom Mooney

Not long ago the Standard Oil Co. published a bombastic statement in the capitalist newspapers declaring it was "guaranteeing the work and wages" of its workers. Here is proof of this guarantee! The above photograph of a check issued to the worker Joe Florek is for three solid hours of work. He made 100 cans for it. It is not even enough to buy a loaf of bread with. This is guaranteed starvation!